

## **CLOSING REMARKS**

**Mayor Alex Penelas  
Universal Pre-K Conference  
Disney World's Contemporary Resort, Orlando, FL  
Thursday, December 4, 2003**

- Ladies and gentlemen, you have made history here today.
- This second Universal Pre-Kindergarten Conference has reaped sweet success -- and boundless opportunity for the children of our state.
- You should all be very proud.
- I commend all the people here today who have contributed not only their intellectual skills – but their genuine love for the children of our State.
- And, particularly, I must thank the incredible devotion of
  - Lt. Governor Toni Jennings;
  - Mayor Buddy Dyer;
  - Philip Handy, chair of the Florida Board of Education;
  - Amy Wilkins, executive director of the Trust for Early Education;
  - Roy Miller, president of the Florida Children's Campaign; and
  - Phyllis Kalifeh, president and CEO of the Florida Children's Forum
  - Erica McKinney of my staff.
- On behalf of the children – and the future of the State of Florida – I thank you all.

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